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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action ("Office Action") having a mailing date of October 2, 2006, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 3, 2007.¹ Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

¹ President Bush has issued an Executive Order closing executive agencies on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 designating it as a National Day of Mourning in respect for former President Gerald R. Ford. The USPTO has issued the following statement on the USPTO's homepage (www.uspto.gov):

In view of the official closing of the Federal Government offices in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, including the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, the day proclaimed by President Bush as a National Day of Mourning, the United States Patent and Trademark Office will consider Tuesday, January 2, 2007 a "Federal holiday within the District of Columbia" under 35 U.S.C. § 21 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.6, 1.7, 1.9, 2.2(d), 2.195, and 2.196. Any action or fee due on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, will be considered as timely for the purposes of, e.g., 35 U.S.C. §§ 119, 120, 133 and 151, if the action is taken, or the fee is paid, on the next succeeding business day on which the USPTO was open, that is, Wednesday, January 3, 2007.